

Table 2. Average daily patient load and 95% confidence interval for RN and LPN staff nurses employed in hospital in-patient units

In-patient Unit Type:	Staff RNs			Staff LPNs		
	Group N	Average Patient Load	95% Confidence Interval	Group N	Average Patient Load	95% Confidence Interval
Critical care	29	2.8	2.4 – 3.1	1	NA	NA
Neonatal	13	4.1	3.3 – 4.9	0	-	-
Pediatrics	5	4.6	1.9 – 7.3	1	NA	NA
Labor & delivery or mother-baby	14	5.6	4.0 – 7.3	4	8.8	3.3 – 14.2
Operating room / surgery	12	6.2	4.8 – 7.6	0	-	-
Pre or post anesthesia care	10	6.8	4.4 – 9.2	0	-	-
Step-down / telemetry	10	7.4	4.5 – 10.3	1	NA	NA
Med / surg	38	7.6	6.9 – 8.3	21	7.7	6.9 – 8.6
Emergency dept.	23	21.7	15.6 – 27.9	2	14	NA
Other unit types	22	11.4	7.5 – 15.2	12	10.8	4.8 – 16.9

NA = not available

In cases where only one respondent supplied data a mean can not be calculated and the data value is not reported in order to protect the identity of the respondent. A confidence interval is not available for LPNs in emergency departments because both respondents reported the same value. There was no variation.

Table 3. Average daily patient load and 95% confidence interval for RN and LPN staff nurses in specific types of community-based settings

Community Setting Type:	Staff RNs			Staff LPNs		
	Group N	Average Patient Load	95% Confidence Interval	Group N	Average Patient Load	95% Confidence Interval
Student health site	1	NA	NA	0	-	-
Home care / hospice	2	3.5	NA	1	NA	NA
Mental health facility	2	7.5	NA	1	NA	NA
Hospital out-patient	50	14.3	11.6 – 17.0	9	24.1	13.5 – 34.8
Public clinic / health dept.	11	15.0	10.7 – 19.3	5	26.0	19.2 – 32.8
Medical office practice	37	26.0	22.1 – 29.9	85	29.4	26.2 – 32.6
Occupational health	4	28.8	5.0 – 52.5	6	18.7	10.7 – 26.6
Other	4	33.0	-6.0 – 72.0	3	24.7	0.8 – 48.5

NA = not available

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